

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend the claims as follows.

Claims 1-6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) A laminar assembly comprised of:
a backing with an exterior surface;
a plurality of textile tufts embedded in the backing with a plurality of voids between the tufts and adjacent to the exterior surface; and
a permeable polymeric material that: overlies at least part of the exterior surface of the backing; is wicked into the textile tufts; and has voids between the textile tufts;
wherein the plurality of voids are formed in the assembly, which is preheated, and subsequently closed within a forming mold with controlled pressure sufficient for expanding the assembly to conform it to the mold.

8. (previously presented) The laminar assembly of claim 7 further comprising a secondary substrate disposed adjacent the polymeric material.

9. (currently amended) A laminated vehicle sound insulating carpet panel comprising:
a backing layer having a plurality of textile tufts embedded therein to establish interior and exterior faces of the backing layer; and
a layer of a permeable polymeric material disposed on the exterior face of the backing material, wherein the polymeric material is disposed in the plurality of textile tufts and defines a plurality of voids;
wherein the shape of the panel corresponds to a predetermined shape of an interior surface of a motor vehicle; and

wherein the plurality of voids are formed in the panel, which is preheated, and subsequently closed within a forming mold with controlled pressure sufficient for expanding the panel to conform it to the mold.

10. (cancelled).

11. (previously presented) The carpet panel of claim 9 further including a secondary substrate disposed adjacent to the polymeric material.

12. (previously presented) The carpet panel of claim 11 wherein the permeability is measured by concentric airflow equipment.

13. (currently amended) A laminar textile assembly for use in a motor vehicle comprising:

a backing layer having a plurality of textile tufts embedded therein to establish interior and exterior faces of the backing layer; and

a layer of a polymeric material disposed on the exterior face of the backing material, wherein the polymeric material defines a plurality of voids between the plurality of textile tufts with portions of the polymeric material being disposed in textile tufts;

wherein the plurality of voids are formed in the assembly, which is preheated, and subsequently closed within a forming mold with controlled pressure sufficient for expanding the assembly to conform it to the mold.

14. (previously presented) The laminar textile assembly of claim 13 further comprising a secondary substrate disposed adjacent to the polymeric material.

15. (cancelled).

16. (currently amended) A three dimensional laminar assembly for use in a motor vehicle comprised of:

a backing;

a plurality of textile tufts embedded in the backing to define face and exterior surfaces and a plurality of voids between the tufts; and

a polymeric material overlying the exterior surface and disposed in the textile tufts and the voids between the textile tufts;

wherein the plurality of voids are formed in the assembly, which is preheated, and subsequently closed within a forming mold with controlled pressure sufficient for expanding the assembly to conform it to the mold.

17. (currently amended) A three dimensional sound insulating carpet panel for use in a motor vehicle comprising:

a backing layer having a plurality of textile tufts embedded therein to establish interior and exterior faces of the backing layer and a plurality of voids among the plurality of textile tufts; and

a layer of a polymeric material disposed on the exterior face of the backing material and in the plurality of textile tufts to define a plurality of voids between tufts;

wherein the plurality of voids are formed in the panel, which is preheated, and subsequently closed within a forming mold with controlled pressure sufficient for expanding the panel to conform it to the mold.